assistance of the NIC. In this connection Minister of State for Law, Justice and Company Affairs has written to the Chief Justices of all the High Courts and the Chief Ministers of all the States on 26th June, 2000.

Financial Aid to CPT for Dredging Operations

3202. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided in 1997 in the Cabinet that the Calcutta Port Trust will receive Rs. 200 cr. annually for dredging and increasing the draft of the river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of implementations and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Cabinet in 1994 decided to reimburse 100% of the cost on items directly related to river dredging and river maintenance as well as the cost incurred on items directly related to maintenance, dredging of shipping channel leading to Haldia from the year 1992-93 onwards provided that the depreciation on capital expenditure on Haldia Channel dredging will not qualify for subsidy and to meet the expenditure "on account" payment upto 90% of the amount payable towards subsidy during previous year may be made to the Port Trust in the beginning of the following year.

(c) The decision of the Cabinet is being implemented.

Development of Chennai Port Trust

3203. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to develop Chennai Port Trust; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a)

and (b) The following are the schemes costing more than Rs. 20 crores, which are included in the Annual Plan for 2000-2001 for Chennai Port Trust, which are at various stages of execution:—

(1) Replacement of Tugs Venkat and Amaravathy

(2) Wharf Electric Cranes of Gantry Type 20T Capacity 3 Nos.

(3) Replacement of Dredger Coleroon

(4) Replacement of F.C. Vaigai

(5) Replacement of Tugs Mani and Palani

(6) Procurement of 32 T Bollard Pull Tugs

(7) Procurement of 15 T rope grabbing crane

(8) Procurement of Rail mounted quay cranes

(9) Harbour Mobile Cranes (2 Nos.)

(10) Construction of New Port at Ennre at Chennai

(11) Further Extension of Container Terminal at Bharathi Dock

(12) Augmenting additional Container Equipments at extended Container Terminal

(13) Extension of South Quay III and Modernisation of East Quay

(14) Modernisation of West Quay and Extension of North Quay.

Surplus Land with Kandla Port

3204. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact out of the land measuring 6920 acres, given on 27.2.1952, only 1769 acres of land has been utilised by the Kandla Port Trust for Gandhidham Township as on date;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has drawn attention of GOI towards section 4(2) of the Indian Port Trust Act, 1908, claiming legal right of remaining land to be vested in the State Government; and

(c) if so, whether the Government of India has still not transferred